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MR BEVAN

The Tombola
Regulations

EVERY person who dislikes seeing mild and enjoyable games of chance exploited and turned into a "racket", will approve the new powers of control over the running of tombola invested in the Commissioner of Police through the amended ordinance presented to Legislative Council on Wednesday.

Government, very fairly, has accepted the view that in itself there is nothing wrong with tombola. So long as it is organised and controlled in a proper manner it is an excellent social pastime. And this is how it is run in the reputable and long-established sports and social clubs of the Colony. The trouble has been that the social success of tombola in these clubs has led to the exploitation of the game by manipulators who discovered an easy opportunity of mulcting unsuspecting members of the general public. The tombola "schools" which have come into existence openly violate the spirit and letter of the conditions which govern the existing tombola licences, earning for their operators small fortunes through victimisation.

THE time is ripe for legislation which will help to eliminate these illegal tombola "schools," leaving the organising and conducting of the game to reputable and properly registered clubs, who use the legally permitted commission from tombola "houses" for the benefit of the clubs and their members. But while the new legislation is designed to wipe out illegal operators of tombola, the authorities would do well to remember that restrictive laws of this nature are usually regarded by exploiters of the public as a challenge to their ingenuity, and that present offenders will go out of their way to defeat the law.

THERE must not only be stern enforcement of the new regulations, but every effort must be made to prevent their usurpation through graft and corruption. The temptation to evade the demands of the law by unscrupulous manipulators will not be readily shunned by them. On the contrary, seeing a highly profitable livelihood slipping from their grasp, they can be expected to use every trick and wile to circumvent the law and to defeat its object.

The Police Commissioner is about to be given new and wider controlling powers over tombola, and the public confidently expect he will use them with full discretion. It is not merely a question of seeing that only reputable clubs and organisations obtain official licences for organising the game, but that the Colony is freed from the surreptitious tombola "schools" which convert an innocuous pastime into a gambling racket.

The new legislation, which is welcome, must not remain just a "paper" law, but one that is effective, and fulfilling its purpose.

Wingate Begins Tomorrow

Tomorrow the China Mail begins publication of the controversial story of Major-General Orde Wingate. Don't miss this new and exciting Saturday feature—*GIDEON GOES TO WAR* by Leonard Mosley—which will appear exclusively in the China Mail.

The Wingate story is only one of tomorrow's highlights. Here are some others:

★ The amazing fight of Rudolf Hess — new light is thrown on this sensational war-time event;

★ A new star appears in the Kremlin firmament. He is Shepilov, chief of Pravda who is tipped to succeed Molotov;

★ Richard Dimbleby, BBC commentator and author, of "Royal Success Story", turns the spotlight this week on Princess Margaret.

There are all your regular favourites as well, including three pages of local and overseas pictures, Jane Roberts' film reviews, a new women's section, sports news, Beauchomber's column, comic strips, cartoons and *GILES* . . . all in the China Mail.

THE WEATHER: Moderate E. or S.E. winds. Cloudy with fair periods this afternoon.

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BEVANITES RETURN

Win Places In The Shadow Cabinet BUT MODERATES TOP THE POLL

London, June 23. Mr Aneurin Bevan's left-wingers scored a political success tonight by increasing their strength in the Labour "shadow cabinet," the Party's parliamentary leadership.

In a secret ballot for 12 seats in the "shadow cabinet" Mr Bevan himself gained seventh place with 118 votes while his lieutenant, Mr Harold Wilson, secured fifth place with 147 votes.

Mr Bevan walked out of the "cabinet" in April last year after foreign policy quarrels with Mr Clement Attlee, his official leader.

Bevanites are believed to have a close sympathiser in 48-year-old Anthony Greenwood, who gained tenth place in the election among the 277 Labour Members of Parliament with 91 votes.

The "shadow cabinet" is composed of Mr Attlee, his deputy, Mr Herbert Morrison, Mr Herbert Bowden, the Party's chief parliamentary manager, three Labour peers and the twelve elected MPs.

It is responsible for Labour affairs and policy in the House of Commons.

In the last "shadow cabinet" left-wingers had only one representative—Mr Harold Wilson, who took Mr Bevan's place when he resigned.

The "shadow cabinet" which will serve throughout the current parliamentary session of about a year, contains five new members following a stand down by several of the Labour "old guard," including Mr Emanuel Shinwell, Dr Hugh Dalton and Mr James Chuter Ede.

President Peron has secretly married a 15-year-old girl as his second wife, it was reported today.

News of this hush-hush romance and the entry of a new First Lady into the place formerly held by Peron's glittering first wife, Eva, was given to me by the Rev Jose Fernandez of the St Julius Church in Buenos Aires.

He said Peron's bride was named Laura del Solar. They met when Peron was organising groups of young women workers on the lines of the men's trade unions which have been his main strength in nine years as President.

The Rev Jose Fernandez fled from Buenos Aires after last week's revolt against Peron in which mobs sacked and burned at least a dozen Catholic churches. — Our own correspondent.

General Lucero, who was appointed commander of "the forces of repression" following last week's revolt against the Peron government, told a news conference that the Army was not concerned with political problems.

High government sources said a modified administration for Argentina would be announced in the near future.—United Press.

MR GRIFFITHS

But it remains predominantly moderate and right-wing, with Mr James Griffiths, 64, former Colonial Secretary, leading the poll of elected members with 184, and Mr Hugh Gaitskell, 49, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, second with 184 votes.

Principal topic of interest to members was that Mr Bevan, who formerly scraped into 12th place in the "shadow cabinet," has moved up considerably but that his vote was substantially less than that given to his Lieutenant, Mr Wilson.

The 12 elected and their votes were as follows:

James Griffiths 186, Hugh Gaitskell 184, I. J. Callaghan 148, Alfred Robens 148, Harold Wilson 147, Dr Edith Summerskill 132, Aneurin Bevan 118, George Brown 101, Phillip Noel-Baker 100, Anthony Greenwood 91, Richard Stokes 77, G. R. Mitchell 76.

The average age of the new "shadow cabinet" which contains five new members—Mr Bevan, Mr Brown, Mr Greenwood, Mr Stokes and Mr Mitchell—drops from 60 years to below 52 years of age.—Tele-

Police Official Arrested

Casablanca, June 23. Cracking down on the European anti-terrorist campaign in Morocco, the authorities have arrested a leading official in the Casablanca police force, it was learned here today.

An official source named the arrested man as Chief Superintendent Pierre Voron, assistant to the chief of Intelligence services of the police force here.—France Presse.



MR WILSON

ATTEMPT TO KILL A PRESIDENT

Washington, June 23. A Liberian government spokesman said today that an attempt was made in Monrovia last night to assassinate Liberian President William Tubman, shortly after the National Legislature announced that he had won election to a third term.

The spokesman said a radiogram from Monrovia reported that the President was not injured, although three others, including two of his bodyguards, suffered bullet wounds.

The report said the assassin was captured and he and five alleged accomplices were placed under arrest. The gunman was identified as Paul Dunbar, described as a "desperado".

The assassination attempt was made about eight o'clock last night, according to the radio gram, at a "public gathering" after the National Legislature formally reported the election results. The assassin fired four shots in all, it was said.—United Press.

London Dockers In Doubt

London, June 23. Leaders of the striking London dock workers, who decided earlier to end Britain's month-old dock strike next Monday, said today that they would not go back to work on Monday unless the striking dockers in the northern ports do the same.

Their statement came after some 1,000 striking dockers in the northern ports of Liverpool and Birkenhead decided today to parade through the waterfront area here on Saturday to protest against the projected end of the strike.

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MOVE TO RESOLVE ITALIAN CRISIS

Rome, June 23. Three of Italy's four centre parties today decided to try to set up again the strongly pro-Western coalition which has ruled this country for the last seven years and which collapsed yesterday.

They were the Christian Democrat, Social Democrat and Liberal parties. The fourth, the Republican Party, was understood also to favour an attempt to resuscitate the coalition but doubtful of its success.

The leaders of these parties together with those of all other parties represented in parliament will express their views to the President of the Republic in the next three days.

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The Elizabeth Blaze

Southampton, June 23. The giant British liner Queen Elizabeth sailed for New York today in defiance of efforts by striking seamen to win over her crew.

After lunch Mr Molotov and Mr Dulles withdrew with a single interpreter and had a discussion alone walking up and down the garden of the Hillsborough mansion, where Mr Molotov is staying while attending the United Nations commemorative meeting.

It was assumed that the two discussed substantive questions likely to arise at the Geneva conference.

TOASTS EXCHANGED

In the course of the lunch Mr Molotov at first raised his glass to each representative of the United States and later proposed a toast to "better relations between the United States and the Soviet Union".

Mr Dulles, in responding to the toast, said that he was delighted to have these informal meetings which he felt could lead to better understanding.

Reuter.

Yet Another Resignation

Washington, June 23. The Assistant Secretary of Defence, Mr Robert Anderson, has informed the Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, that he intends to resign within the next few months.

An official announcement from the Pentagon said that Mr Anderson had given no reason for resigning.

Uncertain reports here to night say his successor will be Mr. Robert Robertson, a big business man from Ontario.

France Presse.

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Women Warriors Terrify Troops

Saigon, June 23. Soldiers returning from fighting Hoa Hao sect rebels in the jungles and ricefields of Western Cochinchina brought word of a new and ferocious enemy today—sabre-wielding women warriors.

The soldiers said that several hundred Amazons attacked them in recent clashes between National Army troops and Hoa Hao forces. They said the women were armed with swords and daggers and preferred to kill their enemies at close quarters.

The women are commanded by another woman, Lethi Gam, wife of Hoa Hao Commander-in-Chief General Tran Van Soai, an ambitious Vietnamese warlord.

EXPERT ORGANISER

Lethi Gam organised the corps in 1949 with a nucleus of 300 recruits chosen among the most robust and healthy daughters of the Hoa Hao army.

She was as expert at organisation as she was with knives and sub-machine-guns, and her corps of Amazons was soon a permanent part of the Hoa Hao army.

The women were given commando training, dressed in black jackets and pants, and wore black scarves around their heads.

REDS PANIC

They tasted first blood in the Hoa Hao battles with the Communists—Vietminh during the Indo-China war. They sowed panic among the Red ranks, rushing into combat at the side of the men and striking at the enemy with long daggers. Prisoners they took were dragged off to hideouts and mutilated alive.

The Amazons thus won the respect of the male fighters. Numbers of them formed a guard of honour for Madame Gam and indulged in sword dances at public receptions. The women danced wildly and they wounded onlookers several times.

Recently they followed the Hoa Hao into guerrilla action against the Vietnamese National Army and fought more than one bitter skirmish with Government troops.—United Press.

Nehru in Warsaw

London, June 23. Mr Nehru, now visiting Warsaw, called on the Polish Premier today, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported from Warsaw.—Reuter.

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Little Likelihood
Concessions
Will Be Offered

London, June 24.

Hard bargaining will continue at today's resumed session of the Soviet-Japanese secret peace treaty talks here, diplomatic quarters believe.

So far there is no evidence of any Soviet move to meet Japanese objections to the stiff terms of the proposed Soviet draft treaty.

The Japanese delegation, led by the former Japanese Ambassador to Britain, Mr Shunichi Matsumoto, is expected to continue to press strongly for modification of the Soviet draft terms. Japanese negotiators are pressing especially for concessions permitting the repatriation of Japanese subjects detained in the Soviet Union.

DISPUTES

The draft fails to meet Japanese claims on questions of repatriation, trade and fishery disputes.

The Soviet draft is understood to maintain:

- That all Japanese other than war criminals have already been returned to Japan;
- That the Japanese claim for a reduction in the limit of Soviet territorial waters off South Shikhalin from 12 miles to three miles should be referred to experts after conclusion of a peace treaty;
- That conclusion of a trade treaty should be deferred until after the conclusion of a peace treaty;
- That the nearby islands of Habomai and Shikotan claimed by Japan are an integral part of the Soviet-held Kurile Islands.

Besides these articles directly affecting Japanese domestic interests the Soviet draft treaty is reported to contain two clauses directed to neutralising the role of Japan in international affairs.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Ichiro Hatoyama, has stated that there can be no question of Japan retreating from its links with the United States.

One of the clauses of the Soviet draft aimed at neutralising Japan is understood to be a provision preventing Japan entering an alliance aimed at any state which took part in the war against Japan. The Soviet Government interprets the Japanese-American security pact in this sense.

The second is understood to be a provision that the straits between Japan and South Korea, Japan and the Kuriles, Japan and South Shikhalin and between Hokkaido, the northern Japanese island, and Honshu, the main island, shall be demilitarised.

FREE PASSAGE

This clause also calls for free passage in these straits for the merchant ships of all countries but restriction of right of passage of warships to states facing the Japan Sea — Japan, the Soviet Union, China and Korea.

The difficulty of the position of the Japanese delegation, observers here said, lies in the fact that the Soviets offer little scope for concessions.

Current Japanese foreign policy forbids a concession on the foreign policy articles aimed at neutralising Japan in world politics.

Japanese national interests make difficult a concession on such matters as repatriation or the trade and fisheries questions.

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No Horses In This Show



Pistol-packing lovelies who would be made to feel at home on any range are Myra Key (left), of Dundee, and Sandra Lind, of Melbourne. They don't travel by horse but on skates — they are members of an American ice show. —Reuterphoto.

Nationalist
Protest
To Egypt

Cairo, June 23. The Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister, Ahmed Khairat, today assured the Chinese Nationalist Ambassador, Dr Ho Fong-shan, that sending an Egyptian economic delegation to Peking "did not imply recognition of Communist China by Egypt."

The Chinese Nationalist Government protested to the Egyptian Government last June 5 over the reported signing of an agreement of cultural co-operation between Egypt and Communist China. —Reuter.

Nothing New Out
Of Kremlin

Washington, June 23. State Department experts today found "nothing basically new" in the joint declaration of common aims in international affairs by the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and the Indian Premier, Mr Nehru.

They said preliminary studies of the published reports of the declaration made at the end of Mr Nehru's two week visit to the Soviet Union did not disclose any indication of basic policy changes by either government.

While awaiting an official text of the declaration from the United States Embassy in Moscow, these officials said what had been reported in the press did not depart from expectations particularly the reaffirmation by both governments of the five principles of non-aggression and peaceful co-existence as already expressed in the recent Indian-Communist Chinese declaration.

It was also no surprise to Washington officials that the two Premiers saw eye-to-eye on calling for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations and for the satisfaction

of Communist China's "legitimate rights" to the Nationalist-held island of Formosa.

The attitude in the State Department was that the declaration's references to the need for a ban on production experiments and use of atomic weapons and reductions in conventional armaments under effective international control was no departure from the position expressed on many occasions by the Indian Premier.

On the basis of the published version of the declaration, officials saw no indications that Mr Nehru had gone beyond his known position in the Moscow talks. —Reuter.

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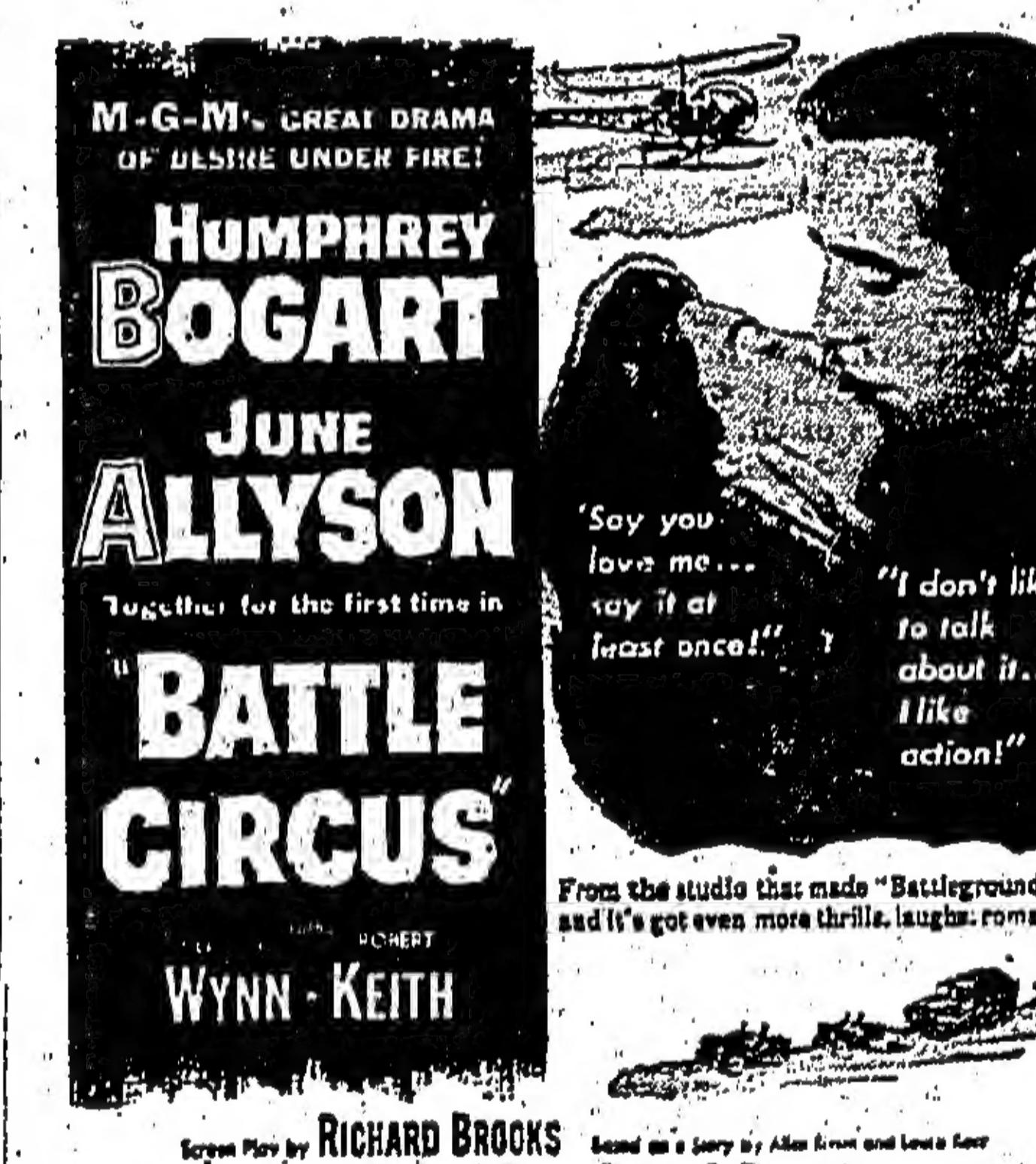


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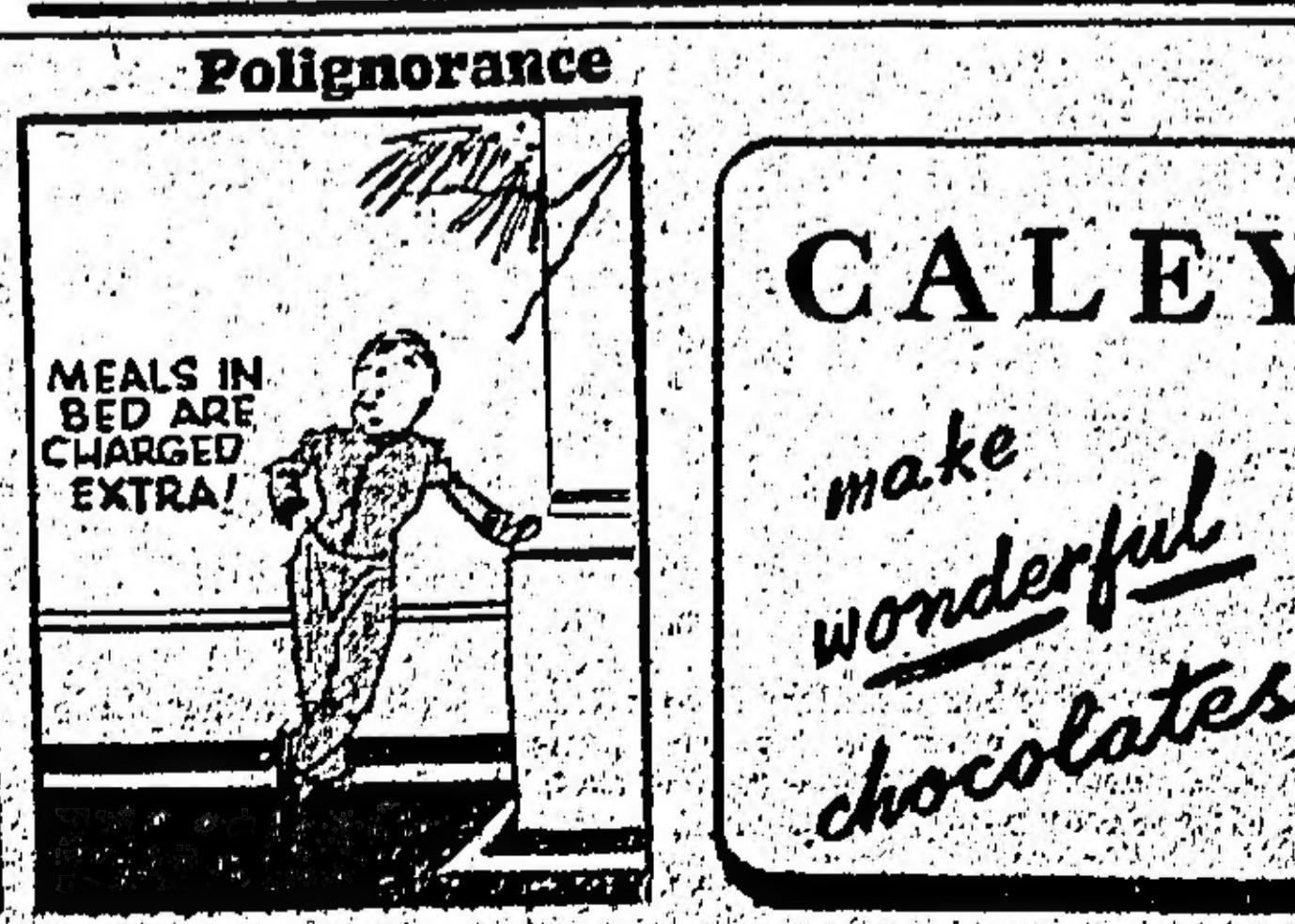
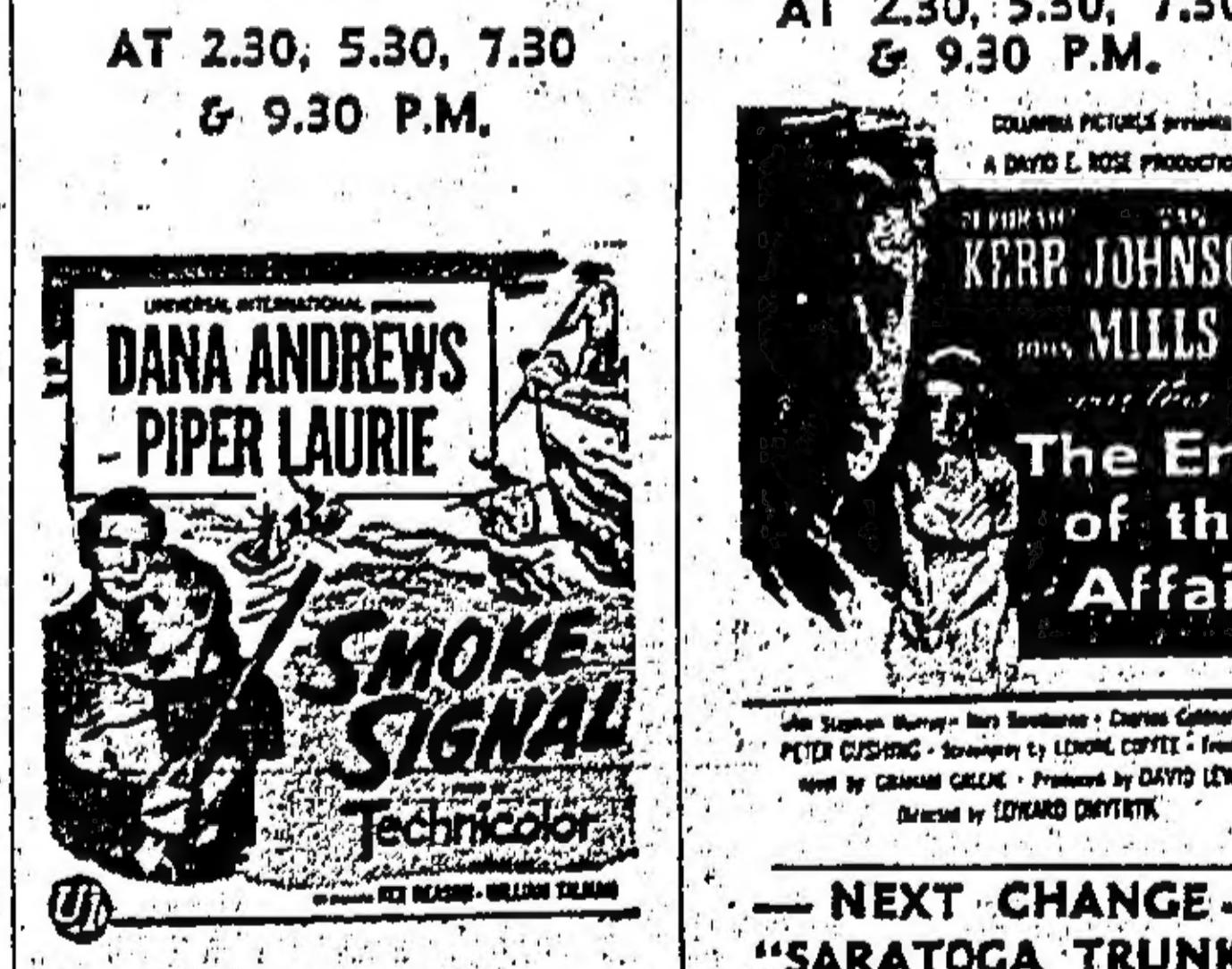
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W. German Cabinet Approves New Army Bill

AIR PLANNING GROUP LEAVES FOR US

Nuclear Scientists Disagree

London, June 23. A leading woman atomic scientist declared today that further hydrogen bomb tests should not be made—but two of her colleagues disagreed.

Professor Kathleen Lonsdale, Professor of Chemistry at the University College, London, said: "I believe that until we get back the simple application of Christian principles to international affairs, there will be no solution to our problems."

Writing in the Atomic Scientists Journal, she said that it was believed that Hydrogen bombs would be used one day, nations were by continuing to make them recklessly gambling with the future of our children and our children's children."

ASSUMPTION

Professor H. W. B. Skinner, Professor of Physics at Liverpool University, said: It might be assumed that the United States and Russia possessed "the know-how to make bombs of fantastic destructive power."

Professor Skinner, former head of the General Physics Division of Britain's top atomic research station at Harwell, Berkshire, said it would be impossible to develop an H-bomb without tests. It was scarcely likely that to ban tests would help to ease world tension as the possession of the H-bomb was a fundamental factor in world politics."

Sir George Thomson, Master of Corpus Christi, Cambridge University, contended that if an agreement could be reached with Russia to stop further full-scale hydrogen bomb tests, it might be worth doing for the psychological value of an agreement even on a minor point.

SLIGHT ADVANTAGES

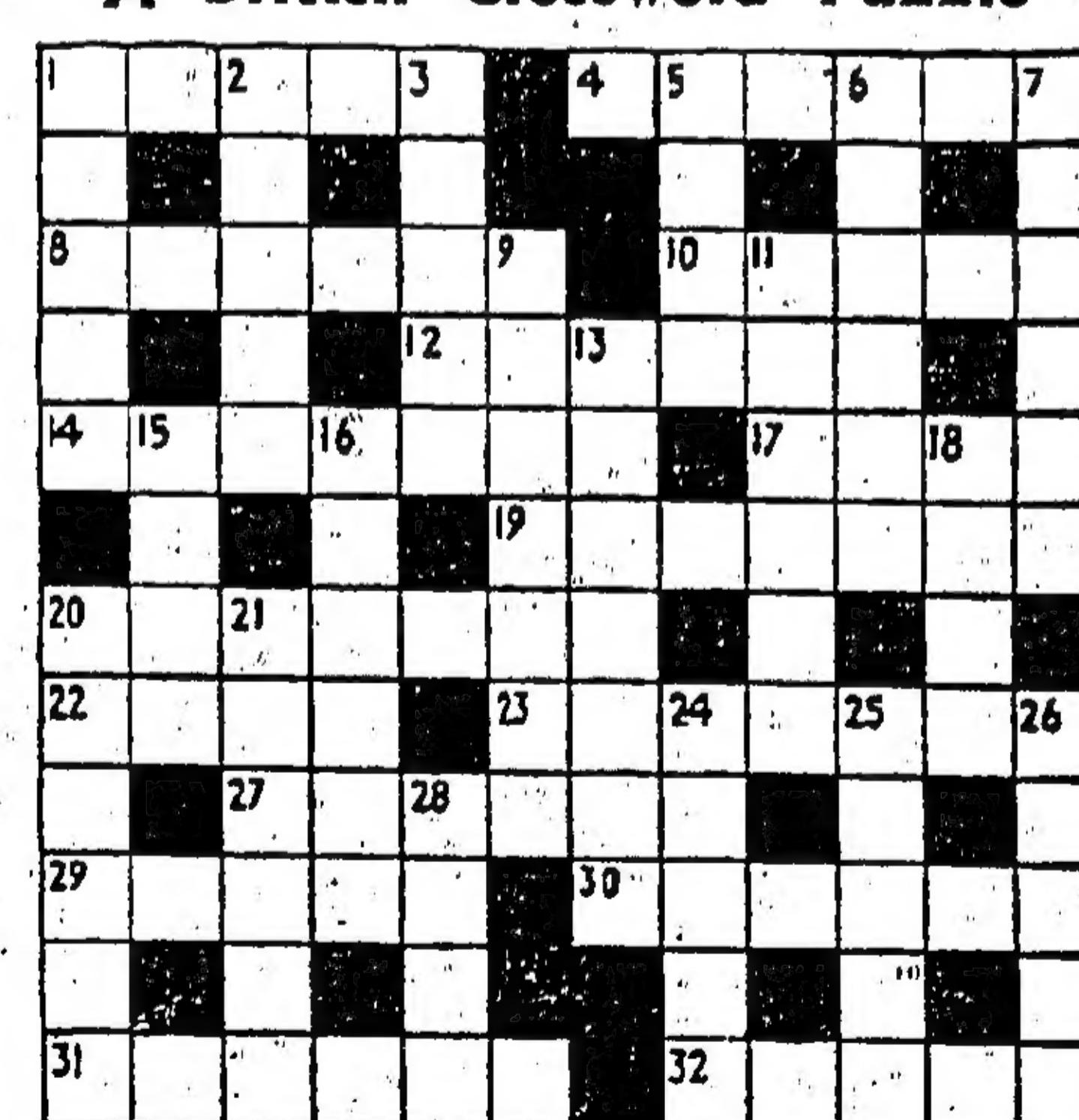
But the practical advantages were slight and it was not certain that prevention of test explosions would greatly hinder further development.

"In spite of the unfortunate accident to the Japanese fishermen, there seems no reason to suppose that such tests are intrinsically dangerous or that they would increase in the radiation level, however small, is undesirable genetically seems difficult to maintain."—China Mail Special.

Bonn, June 23. The West German Lower House tonight approved the Federal budget for 1955/56 against the votes of the Social Democratic opposition.

Estimated expenditure is about 30,000 million marks (about £2,500 million).—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Narratives (5).
- 2 Snuggle (8).
- 3 Tenant (9).
- 4 Asprin (5).
- 5 Chocolate (8).
- 6 Purple (7).
- 7 Eject (4).
- 8 Flowers (7).
- 9 House on wheels (7).
- 10 Wild plant (4).
- 11 Offers (7).
- 12 Unruffed (6).
- 13 Sheriff's escort (5).
- 14 Extreme fright (6).
- 15 Adds up (8).
- 16 Substantial (5).
- 17 Actual (4).
- 18 Bulb (5).
- 19 Harden (5).
- 20 Talk of heroism (4).
- 21 Thin paper (6).
- 22 Happenings (6).
- 23 Life (7).
- 24 Ultrahermal (6).
- 25 Famous (7).
- 26 Bellows (4).
- 27 Ceramic (6).
- 28 Agitate (4).
- 29 Floor covering (6).
- 30 Kind of apple (6).
- 31 Requirements (5).
- 32 Enlist (5).
- 33 Piece torn off (5).
- 34 Actual (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Fracas, 4 Corps, 7 Eminence, 8 Waist, 9 Delete, 11 Rallies, 13 Battled, 15 Malden, 18 Sates, 19 Surround, 20 Cream, 21 Lustre. Down: 1 Freed, 2 Canoe, 3 Sincere, 4 Crewel, 5 Ratified, 6 Smites, 10 Latitude, 12 Admiral, 13 Rustic, 14 Lissom, 16 Irons, 17 Nudge.

Bonn, June 23. The West German Cabinet today sent Parliament a bill forming the legal basis for the establishment of a West German army, navy and air force of 500,000 men.

Approved at a seven-hour session of the Cabinet it eventually will replace a bill to enlist some 6,000 volunteers as the nucleus of the armed forces.

Further measures to "humanise" military service will allow every company to elect representatives which unit commanders will be obliged to receive at any time.

WOULD BE DAMAGING

Her Theodor Blank, the new Defence Minister, told a press conference today it would be "damaging" for West Germans if she hesitated longer with a start to rearmament.

The Lower House decided to-night, against the votes of the Social Democratic opposition, to take the first reading of the volunteers' bill next Monday afternoon and Tuesday.

Four members of the air planning section of the West German Defence Ministry will leave on a two-week tour of air force training centres in the United States tomorrow.

They are Major Erhard Braune, Lieutenant-Colonel Wilhelm Hoffman, Lieutenant-Colonel Henning Strumpf and Colonel Werner Va Hees.

While in the US the group will collect information and experience which might assist them in building up the planned air arm of the West Germany's 500,000-strong armed forces.

The air arm is expected to comprise about 1,350 jet planes, most tactical aircraft.

MORE SPORT

More sport, less barrack square drill and far less saluting are to be inflicted on the new West German soldier than was on his predecessor in the Wehrmacht.

A Government pamphlet to be published this weekend on the new army says that barrack square drill will be used only to prepare for exercises and service in the open field which will be the central point of training.

Drill is to be kept down to the minimum and sport is to be given greater prominence.

On duty soldiers will have to salute superiors only at the first encounter during the day and off duty they will salute only their immediate superiors and admirals and generals.

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HOW TO DISPERSE AIRPORT FOG

Milan, June 23. The problem of dispersal of fog around the world's airports has for many years been an object of attentive study on the part of technical experts of every nation. Particularly those countries in the north where fog is more prevalent and a considerable hindrance to places, if not a highly dangerous one.

This important problem has been carefully studied in Italy where in northern airports around Milan and Turin the question of fog has plagued the busy international dromes. Technical exports of the Italian Military Aeronautics division have persistently tried out complicated and costly experimental ideas of experts from all over the world, but without much success. They have come to the conclusion, however, that the answer may lie in the simple smoke and heat burning around the edges of an airport.

For this they need a cheap and easily workable burning material giving off enough smoke and heat. They are sure the answer lies in methane gas.

Methane gas is cheap, economical and easily workable. Recent discoveries of this gas were unearthed over a wide area in the Po Valley and the supply seems endless.

At the Linate Airport near Milan during last winter, the Military Aeronautics experts tried out various burning materials with two of these decided as workable. One was naphthalene and the other was methane gas. The first showed excellent results but was costly, while methane gas was just as good it was certainly not expensive.

IN-150 SECONDS

Using the gas in a liquid form the dispersal of fog was even better than expected. The method was to install along a runway of the Linate Airport, 50 yards from the edges and parallel to the length, a series of burners.

They were controlled by an operator who could judge amounts and the length of time required to disperse the fog. In 150 seconds, experts said, the whole runway was cleared in time for a landing where before nothing could be seen within a few yards.

The cost of installing one of these methane gas dispersal units perfected by the Military Aeronautics division is half of what a unit of naphthalene would cost.

There is also a considerable reduction in consumption.

World interest has centred on these Italian experiments, the experts said, and officials from London, Norway, Sweden and France are expected to come here during the next Winter to observe trials.

In the meantime, the Military Aeronautics division reported that the Commune of Turin, who watched last year's experiments, has ordered a methane gas unit for its airport of Caselle—United Press.



HISTORY IN TOBY JUGS

COTTON AGREEMENT

Egypt And Liverpool Straddling

Cairo, June 23.

Mr Henry Coney, President of the Liverpool Cotton Association, said tonight that straddling between the Alexandria and Liverpool cotton futures markets would be possible as a result of decision reached at official talks between the Liverpool Cotton Market delegation and the Egyptian Government here today.

This must add to stability in both markets and promote the orderly marketing of the Egyptian crop, he added.

Recently the Egyptian Government announced the reopening of the Alexandria Cotton Futures Market on September 25 with the same safeguards as the Liverpool cotton market.

KARNAK TYPE

Mr Coney said that for the time being there would be only a long stapled cotton contract based on Karnak-type cotton.

He said his delegation promised that Liverpool would give the fullest consideration to the reopening of the Egyptian medium stapled contract with the least possible delay.

Although the Egyptian Government and cotton merchants are most anxious for a medium staple contract at the earliest opportunity we explained that this presented many difficulties. But Liverpool would examine the question with hope of reopening the medium staple contract as soon as possible," Mr Coney said.

Mr Coney said that details of the Liverpool contract will be settled but it had been agreed that Egyptian national could trade in Liverpool and send consignments.

FREEDOM

"For Lancashire interests who wish to use the Alexandria market there will be freedom for Egyptian income tax and speedy remittance of differences," he said.

Orders and market prices will be transmitted promptly and would not be subject to Egyptian censorship.

A delegation of the Egyptian Cotton Exporters Association will go to Liverpool early in July to discuss the problem of standards.

An Egyptian Government delegation including members of the National Bank of Egypt would also go to Liverpool on July 8 to study the mechanism of the market and the Bank of England control scheme.

The Egyptian Finance Minister, Dr. A. Monim el Kaisouny, said tonight: "It is indeed a great pleasure for me to say that the discussions which were carried out with the Liverpool Cotton Market mission were conducted in a high spirit of cooperation.

RELAX RESTRICTIONS

"We are going to relax currency restrictions with regard to remittances resulting from dealings in our market and provide cover for dealers against exchange fluctuations."

In the meantime, the Military Aeronautics division reported that the Commune of Turin, who watched last year's experiments, has ordered a methane gas unit for its airport of Caselle—United Press.

MAIN GROUNDWORK ON DISARMAMENT NOW BEING LAID

Oakland, Calif., June 23. Sir Pierson Dixon, Britain's permanent United Nations delegate, said today that the essential groundwork on disarmament was now being laid.

"Even if disarmament is not an immediate likelihood opposing views of many points have been reconciled and thus much good is being done by discussing it," he said at a Rotary Club luncheon here today.

"The gap between us is now certainly far less wide even though we cannot easily bridge it."

Reviewing the five disarmament talks which began in London last February Sir Pierson said that on May 10 the Soviet representative tabled in the sub-committee, and the Soviet Government simultaneously released to the world a new comprehensive Soviet plan. This plan, after dealing with a number of wider political issues not strictly connected with disarmament itself went on to make its own a number of the most important parts of the Western proposal put forward in the sub-committee already. It was a very considerable step nearer to agreement.

CONDITIONAL

"This is not to say that agreement on disarmament is round the corner. To begin with the latest Soviet proposals are apparently conditional on our accepting far-reaching Soviet plans regarding Germany and other matters."

"Moreover it does not seem that the Russians have yet brought themselves to agree to any sort of control organ which would really be able by going everywhere and seeing everything to ensure that the disarmament programme was carried out."

"Before agreement on a disarmament plan can be reached there can be no doubt that much time and work will be required, tension in the international field will need to be lowered and more mutual confidence will have to be built up."

"But I think it is true to say that the more moderate Soviet position of May 10 shows the benefit of discussion."

In London the British Government is taking "all possible steps" to secure a comprehensive disarmament agreement providing for the total prohibition and elimination of all weapons of mass destruction.

This was stated in a written Parliamentary reply today by Lord John Hope, Joint Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, a Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Edward Elliot, of France, was elected honorary President of the World Peace Council.

Mr Hughes had asked what steps the Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, proposed to take to secure international agreement for the control of nuclear weapons.—Reuter.



Pritt Critical Of Certain Powers

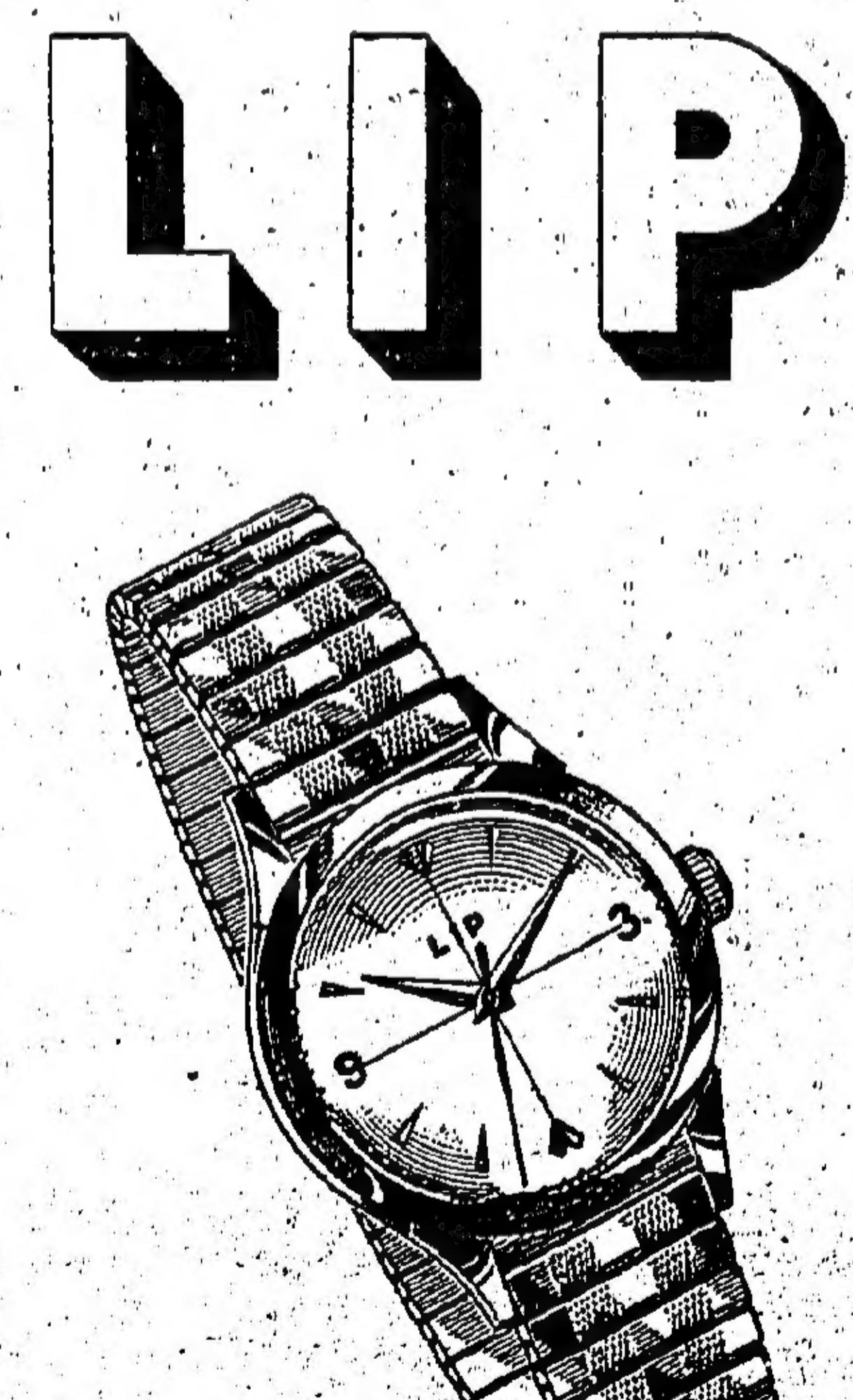
Helsinki, June 23. Mr D. N. Pritt, British delegate to the congress of the World Peace Council, said here today investigations made by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers into international law enabled him "to stigmatise as wholly unlawful three recent policy decisions of certain powers."

These were: To equip the forces of NATO with nuclear weapons on a scale which enabled them to wage war primarily with these weapons.

To equip the forces of re-armed West Germany with nuclear weapons too, and "most serious of all"—to use nuclear weapons not as a re-prisal but from the start of a war independently of what the other side might do.

A world peace congress was opened today at Helsinki Fair Hall, which 2,000 delegations from 90 nations are attending. At today's session of the peace congress, to which only delegates were admitted, Mr. Edward Elliot, of France, was elected honorary President of the World Peace Council.

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"I notice that motorists who normally fly past at eighty miles an hour will stop and offer a lift if there is a pretty girl in the queue." — Letter to the Editor

London Express Service

It was that sort of a party . . .

• Another famous author tells a tale to keep you guessing. Is it FACT or FICTION? Find the answer tomorrow

"OULD you like coffee in the Bay Window?" asked the waiter.

The tone was rather like an enquiry asking if you would now please move along to the Throne Room. Briarley Towers, in Scarborough, is that sort of place. I might say I was there rather by accident than design.

I parted the bead curtain that dripped from the archway of the lounge, traversed the jungle of potted palms, and approached the Bay Window. There were some five or six old and oddish ladies sitting around in grandfather chairs, their feet supported on beech-encrusted footstools. Some were still at their coffee, the one next to me on my left had her knitting out. Two were equipped with ear-trumps, which lay on what-not tables beside them, to make it clear that conversation would not be welcome. One, under the loop of the right-hand curtain, was fast asleep.

So restful

I sat down. In course of time coffee was brought to me. I smoked a cigarette, encouraged by the presence here and there of ash-trays. It was nice to be alone after all the hard talking I had been involved in all day. Curiously, the ladies did not make me feel any less alone than I might have felt if they had not been there. They seemed as totally unaware of me as of each other. It was all very nice and restful.

Then, just when I was going off into a half-doze, a voice addressed me.

"Young man," it said, "could I use your lighter?"

I came to myself with a start.

"Certainly. By all means," I stammered. It was the old lady sitting nearest me on my left who had addressed me. She had put her knitting down on the table between us. I was aware I was embarrassed, even a little shocked, as if a clergyman had suggested a pint in the middle of a service. I flicked the flame out of my lighter and held it to the lady's cigarette, which was lodged as firmly in her mouth as Cleopatra's Needle in the Embankment.

"Thank you," she said, "I was conscious that the voice was as firm as the cigarette. Then for a moment I turned my eyes to hers. In that same moment she

By LOUIS
GOLDING

SIXTY this year, Louis Golding has about 50 publications behind him. Last year he completed a five-volume, million-word opus about one woman — Elsie Silver.

Magnolia Street (1932) established his pitch as an outstanding novelist, but his first book was a collection of poems — Sorrows of War — which appeared in 1919, the year of the party in this story.

Educated at Manchester Grammar School and Queen's College, Oxford, Golding has travelled widely. A bachelor, he finds talking and listening particularly recreative.



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hour later, it was decided that everybody drank a good deal more than was good for them, then they went off to another place, and drank more. Then another place, and they drank still more. Oh what days they were, and oh what nights! Oh those Bright Young People, so soon to be come so old, so old!

Well. As I said, Jane was giving a party in her house near Horsham, all those long years ago. And among the guests was a lady named Beryl. And this Beryl had already been to a party or two before she arrived at Jane's party. And, to put no fine point on it, this Beryl was already more than half-seas-over.

Then something went wrong with the works inside Beryl's brainpan. Suddenly she turned on Jane, her hostess. There happened to be a lull in the tumult, so Beryl's words were terribly loud and clear.

"You're a coward!" exclaimed Beryl. "I hate you!"

"Oh!" said Jane. Then she said, "Oh!" again. After all, there isn't very much else you can say in reply to that sort of thing to someone who is a guest in your house. Particularly when the someone's a lady.

Poor Jane

"We all know you scuttled off to Ireland during the war," proclaimed Beryl. (We all knew that Jane had done some incredibly gallant hush-hush job in France.) "You look the picture of health," continued Beryl. "So it wasn't for health reasons you went to Ireland!"

Jane waited. Everybody waited. You could have heard, as they say, a pin drop. Then Beryl pulled her hand back, and as she had threatened, slapped Jane's cheek good and hard.

Jane said not a single word. She had said all she intended to say. She clenched her fist, and delivered a left hook on the point of Beryl's jaw with the strength and precision of a Len Harvey. Down went Beryl, out for the count. The servants came forward, lifted Beryl, and carried her upstairs quiet and inner as a pillow.

"How about a drink?" asked the new host.

"A jolly good idea!" said everybody. Everybody had a drink. That was a great party, too.

Don't tell me!

"What are you thinking of?" asked the charming grey-haired lady in the sacred Bay Window, there in the ducous residential hotel in Scarborough. "Don't tell me!" she said. "I know!"

"Those were the days!" I murmured.

"Those were the days!" repeated Jane. "What brings you to these parts?" she asked.

I was about to tell her, when a

Nuremberg Has Seen Changes

By Norman Lindhurst

Nuremberg. THE Palace of Justice in this one-time Nazi shrine was the end of the road for most of the surviving Nazi bigwigs rounded up by the Allied forces ten years ago.

Today, the same "palace" houses the American Army's Post Exchange (NAAFI) system, the U.S. Court of Restitution Appeal, an office of the U.S. escapee programme, a Jewish chapel, the U.S. Air Force historical research division—and a rod and gun club.

In a sense the transformation that has taken place in the tenancy of this weird, cavernous building symbolises the incredible changes that have occurred in Germany in the decade since the war ended.

The Nazi horror today seems as remote to the Germans as a musty page of medieval history. Today, the Germans—and most Americans of the former occupation forces—are only dimly aware of the momentous diplomatic moves now taking place.

BASIC LAWS

The Palace of Justice building was begun in September 1939 and completed in July 1941. Its dimensions are on an extraordinary scale, and several seemingly endless corridors wind their way over a four-mile circuit.

Carved on the wall of the main building entrance are statues of famous German lawyers who helped to frame many of Germany's basic laws. Some of the laws promulgated by these barristers date back to 1200 AD and, in some cases, still on the books today.

Directly across the street from the Palace of Justice can be seen the bombed-out ruins of Hitler's Bavarian military headquarters.

In a small building back of the Palace, surrounded by a high wall, the major war criminals that stood trial in 1946 were executed. This area is now used as a German prison.

Prior to World War Two, the Palace of Justice was the seat of the Nuremberg Court of Appeals for Central Franconia.

From November 20, 1945 to October 1, 1946, the International Military Tribunal, composed of representatives of the Allied Occupation Powers, sat in session in the Palace of Justice, and during this period 22 defendants appeared at the court.

DEATH PENALTY

Of the indictments brought against the 22, 12 received the death penalty, several received life sentences and the rest sentences ranging from 10 to 25 years. Among those convicted were Goering, Hess, Ribbentrop, Doenitz, Raeder, Funk, Speer, von Schirach and von Neurath.

The International Court that convicted the defendants consisted of judges from the U.S., England, France and Russia. The Court President was Lord Justice Lawrence of England.

Today, as you enter the 200-spectator courtroom, your attention is attracted to the statues over the entrance doorway and upon the wall — of Adam and Eve, the scale of justice, and the hour glass. Meanwhile, at each spectator's seat is a set of headphones left over from the Nuremberg trials.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

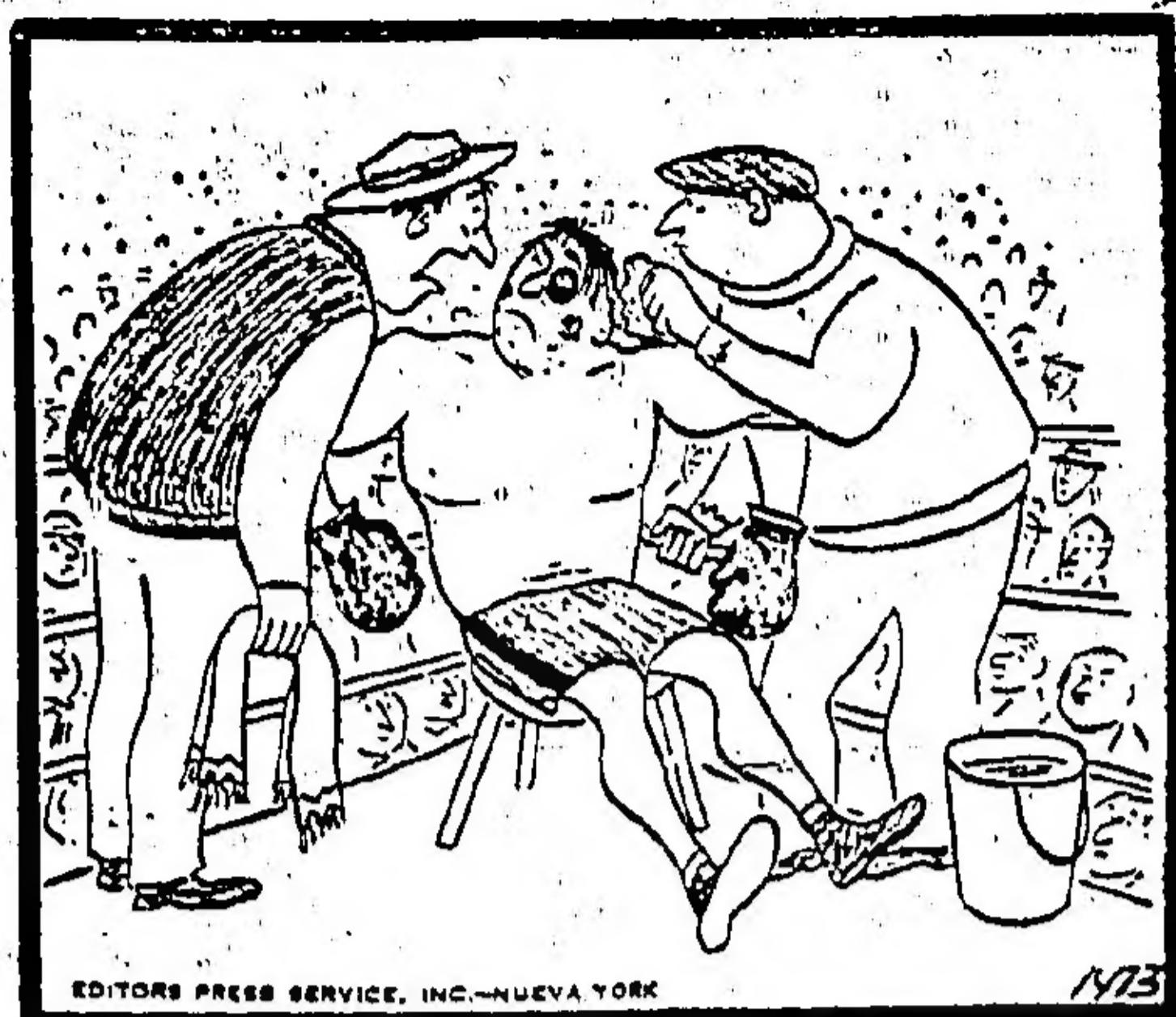
YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep the panel until tomorrow, when the answer will be given, together with a new story by Geoffrey Household.

Did yesterday's story by Stanley Moss actually happen? YES.

NO

YES



"Just be glad you don't have to watch it!"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THIS accusation, that Narkover is being held to ransom in a coalsack, and that his parents have already stumped up twice; that a matron has been dispensing red wine in lieu of medicines; that Dr Smart-Alice's new secretary is a compere-ant from the Cirque Medrano in Paris; that a master was shot in the leg when he tried to stop card-playing on the Chapel steps; and that the Sixth Form has struck for higher marks.

From latest reports I gather that insurance agents are not satisfied that the burning down of Mr Chalcott's house was an accident; that a rich new boy

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Not Easy To Pick Right Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT isn't easy to pick the best contract for North and South in today's hand. Five diamonds would run into quite a bit of trouble if East opened a spade or a trump. The defenders would lead trumps as soon as possible, and declarer would never get to the dummy.

Three no-trump may look foolish, with a void in the North hand, but it's a fairly reasonable contract. Normal defence should give declarer little trouble.

West judged from the bidding that South had strength in hearts and spades, and he decided not to lead either of these suits. Hoping to mislead declarer, West opened the deuce, or clubs.

South finessed dummy's ten of clubs, content to lose the trick, and to get the expected heart return up to dummy's

NORTH (D)		21	
A 4			
♦ None			
♦ AK Q 9 5 3			
♦ K 10 9 8 3			
WEST		EAST	
♦ KJ 8 3		♦ 6 5 2	
♦ Q 7 5 2		♦ J 10 9 3	
♦ J 6		♦ 10 8 4	
♦ A 7 2		♦ Q 4	
SOUTH			
♦ Q 10 9 7		♦ AK 8 6 4	
♦ 7 2		♦ 7 2	
♦ 6 5			
Neither side vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 N.T.	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♦ 2			

void. East didn't, however, oblige him with a heart return. East knew that his partner had made a desperation opening lead, and this made it seem probable that West had nothing worth speaking of in hearts or spades. East therefore decided to try to keep South from ever gaining the lead.

In pursuance of this aim, East returned a low diamond. Dummy had to win, and declarer ran his six diamond tricks for lack of anything better to do. The defenders discarded hearts without much trouble.

South next took the ace of spades and led another spade towards his hand. West won with the jack of spades and casually returned another low club.

Declarer now had to guess whether to play the king or the nine, and he happened to guess wrong. When dummy finessed the nine, East won with the queen of clubs and returned a club. The defenders then took three clubs and two spades, defeating the game contract.

CARD Sense

—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 2 Spades Pass
3 Hearts Pass
You, South, hold:
♦ A K Q J 9 7 6 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ A 3 2 1
What do you do?
A—Bid four spades. Both jump bids committed/screw an absolute maximum, but indicate also that slant is unlikely unless North has something more than a bare opening bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION:
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♦ A K Q 7 6 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ A 3 2 1
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

BORN today, you have a charming, magnetic personality which will get you many places. You make a host of friends and they will stick to you giving help no matter how rough the going may be for you at times. In fact, you are very fortunate, for you are never alone in any misfortune. You are the type to "bounce back" after an upset and eventually, if you persevere, you will achieve the fame and success of which you have dreamed.

Your talents are diversified and you can put them to work for you in a variety of fields. You have a will of your own, and when crossed can become stubborn, and will stick to your ways no matter what happens. You care very little whether others agree with you or not and intend to go your own way, regardless. This may be the cause of most of your difficulty—whenever you have any—for in a highly co-operative age, you can give help when others need it.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You are not easily convinced against your will. Listen, if you wish, but then act as you see fit.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If at all possible, ease tensions by taking a trip into the country if you work in the city.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—It would be wise to forget the trials of the work-a-day world. Change the scene, if you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This is not one of your best

TARGET

B	I	T	HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must consist of letters in the square and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals! No foreign words! No proper names! Total words—no proper nouns! Total words—no proper nouns! Total words—no proper nouns! Total words—no proper nouns!
C	A	R	With luck, you may be able to spend a pleasant week-end with friends at a distance. Enjoy yourself.
Y	I	S	PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may be among a few selected people to make an important contribution to a community effort.

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SOUTH AFRICA'S SEGAL REMOVES REX HARTWIG FROM THE MEN'S SINGLES

Wimbledon, June 23.

Survivors of the Men's Singles are now reduced to 16 of whom six are Americans, only two Australians (very rare since the war), one Egyptian, one South African, a Dane, a Swede, a Chilean, one Indian and perhaps two Italians (Merlo's match is unfinished).

Abe Segal of South Africa today eliminated a fancied candidate for the Men's crown in Rex Hartwig of Australia, and Davidson of Sweden had a tremendous tussle to get the better of Britain's Billy Knight in five sets.

Neither Trabert of the United States nor Head of Australia has yet lost a set. In the absence now of a major upset, Trabert is certain to meet Jaroslav Drobny on Monday for a place in the semi-finals and it remains to be seen whether the great ex-Czech can raise his game to the level required to handle Trabert.

He played a lot of loose shots today against Arildsen of Australia as yesterday against Rose.

WOMEN'S SIDE

On the Women's side the picture is a lot clearer even at this stage. With the possible exception of Louise Brough of the United States, nobody in the field can come close to Doris Hart for both power and a varied repertory of strokes, and if the Women's Singles Champion is not to be found from this pair, the prophets would do just as well to draw a name from a hat.

The following is the list of games remaining in the Men's Singles' Championships at Wimbledon:

Ken Rosewall (Australia) versus Giuseppe Merlo (Italy).

Steve Davidson (Sweden) versus Luis Ayala (Chile).

Gil Shea (USA) versus Nicolo Petrungelli (Italy).

Abe Segal (South Africa) versus T. Nielsen (Denmark).

Barbie Flatt (USA) versus Budie Patti (USA).

Art Larsen (USA) versus Lew Head (Australia).

Bob Perry versus Jaroslav Drobny (Czech).

Narash Kumar (India) versus Tony Trabert (USA).—France Presse.

SECOND UPSET

With some of the finest volleys seen at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships this week Abe Segal, 24-year-old left-hander from Johannesburg removed fifth seeded Rex Hartwig of Australia from the Men's Singles today to prove the second upset in this event.

Hartwig, who had been tipped as the "dark horse" for the title, was decisively beaten 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the third round, and now joins third seeded Vic Seixas (USA) on the sidelines. The American was eliminated in the previous round by his compatriot Gil Shea.

As both Seixas and Hartwig were in the same quarter of the draw, the way now seems clear for Segal to get through to the semi-finals.

One All-German Team For Olympic Games

Paris, June 23.

Mr Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, said here today that the agreement of the East and West German Olympic Committees to choose one All-German team for the 1956 Olympics was "a great triumph for sport."

During a press conference Mr Brundage said of the decision to give the East German Olympic Committee provisional recognition: "To my mind what we did on this problem is sensational. Both sides said 'We believe there is only one Germany and there should be only one German team!'"

WATER POLO
League-Leading Army Teams Clash Today

The two Army teams "South" and "North," head the Junior Water Polo league standings issued yesterday by the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association.

Both teams, unbeaten in the league, will clash today at the Victoria Pool in a match that is likely to produce the eventual champions.

The game was originally scheduled to be played at Kai Tak but will now take place at the Victoria Pool commencing at 5 p.m.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	Goals	Points
Army "N"	4	4	0	0	35	6
Army "S"	4	3	1	0	31	7
Eastern	3	3	2	0	21	9
South China	4	2	2	0	17	7
SYKCA	3	1	2	0	12	4
Army "A"	4	1	3	0	12	3
Army "W"	4	0	4	0	12	1
HKF	4	0	4	0	12	1

Replies to questions Mr Brundage said that when Germany was reunified there would be only one German Committee. If efforts to form an All-German team should fail recognition would be withdrawn from the East German Committee.

Mr Brundage said trials would be held in Germany open to both men from East and West. The winners would form the German team.

EAST AND WEST

A reporter asked whether the decision meant there would be either an All-German team at Melbourne for the 1956 Games or no German team at all. Mr Brundage replied "No. If the decision is respected there will be a German team representing East and West. Otherwise there will be a West German team."

Asked about China, Mr Brundage said, the Chinese Communists had set up a new committee and had undertaken to respect the rules of the IOC which had no alternative but to recognise the Chinese Communist Committee. There would therefore be two Chinese teams at Melbourne—Communist and Nationalist.—Reuters.

REALLY, GEORGE, YOUR HAIR DOES LOOK UNFITTED — YOU MUST HAVE IT CUT!

Frenchman Indraza Dione gained the Welterweight boxing title of Europe tonight by beating the Englishman Willy Thom on points.

Flaherty said Olson made his mistake in backing off from Moore during a clinch and got nalled with a left hook.—United Press.

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WEEK-END LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their respective clubs in league lawn bowls matches tomorrow.

Recrto

Recrto "Blues" (Home) v P.R.C. at 4 p.m.: R. F. Luz (skip), J. E. Noronha, S. E. Souza, G. A. Gutierrez, F. A. Ribeiro (skip); G. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (skip), C. Reza Pereira, S. A. Colaco, A. P. Pereira. Recrto "Whites" (Away) v I.R.C. at 4 p.m.: A. A. A. (skip), H. M. (skip), H. V. Nogueira, B. T. Marques, J. M. Gutierrez, C. A. Danelberg (skip), G. A. Noronha, F. G. Luz, A. A. G. Silva, A. A. Lopez (skip), A. A. Gutierrez, S. Rivero, A. M. Baptista.

KDCC

1st Division (Home) v Filipino Club at 4 p.m.: L. G. Gedde, G. Leite, R. A. Alves, A. Marques (skip); J. L. Liddell, F. J. Howarth, C. Roundell, M. E. Purvis (skip); J. Tindall, P. Hughes, W. Williamson, R. McElwee (skip).

3rd Division (Home) v Hongkong Cricket Club at 4 p.m.: V. Bonet, C. Greaves, H. Scott, S. Howard, S. Tremlett, L. W. Gordon, D. McCrae (skip); D. McCrae, J. McLellan, C. E. Terry (skip).

I.R.C.

Recrto "Blues" (Home) v K.B.G.C. at 4 p.m.: E. J. Xavier, C. A. S. Pereira, J. T. Cotton, S. E. Silva (skip); A. J. Coelho (skip), M. T. Nunes, C. M. Xavier, F. J. Rodriguez, R. Basa (skip); Reserve: I. S. Castro.

2nd Division (Home) v K.B.G.C. at 4 p.m.: M. Luz, M. A. Rahman, A. D. Reis, A. C. Sequeira (skip); L. A. Ferreira, E. G. Barros, S. Husein, A. J. Coelho (skip), L. M. Nunes, C. M. Xavier, F. J. Rodriguez, R. Basa (skip); Reserve: V. Espina, C. Foster.

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2nd Division (Away) v Filipino Club at 4 p.m.: C. K. Sung, A. F. Ferreira, P. K. Lau, R. Tay (skip); P. R. Raj, R. O. Baker, T. Lonsdale, R. J. Leonard (skip); V. Santos, W. M. Sozne, J. J. Kelleher, H. W. Randall (skip); Reserve: Capt. R. O. Baker.

CSRC

3rd Division (Home) v K.B.G.C. at 4 p.m.: F. Thorne, P. Chung, T. M. Castilho, V. Ribeiro (skip); G. P. Pinto, C. M. Carvalho, V. Rull, A. Reis (skip), H. Castro, L. A. Rosario, F. Hunt, P. Tan (skip); Reserve: V. Espina, C. Foster.

HKFC

2nd Division (Home) v Taikoo Club at 4 p.m.: R. Trull, W. Rees, N. Har-Baker, R. M. Hetherington (skip); G. Goodyear, M. Robinson, M. Scott, G. D. S. Agnew (skip); O. R. Fletcher, R. E. Head.

G. Hill (skip), R. E. Head.

3rd Division (Home) v Filipino Club at 4 p.m.: Rainbow, C. F. Roche, E. Wolstenholme, T. Wren (skip); R. Hartshorn, C. Strickland (skip); A. Bradley, C. J. Stoner (skip); Woodward, R. W. Booker, J. Whittle, R. F. Green (skip).

HKTC

3rd Division (Home) v K.C.C. at 4 p.m.: W. J. Flanagan, W. E. Macfarlane, A. C. Gardner (skip); C. W. Johnson, A. R. C. Spencer, H. J. Picelli, F. A. Golding (skip); G. W. K. Crawford, E. Land, G. T. Padgett, E. Booker (skip).

HKFC

2nd Division (Home) v Kowloon Club at 4 p.m.: P. Cotter, R. C. Butler, B. G. Jones, R. J. Edwards (skip); H. Black, H. McColl, W. Bovard, K. Forrester (skip); K. Baker, T. Sheldon, H. Riddle, E. Greenwood (skip).

3rd Division (Home) v K.B.G.C. at 4 p.m.: E. Laing, R. G. Baker, R. Blyth, M. Rakisen (skip); K. Summers, W. Taylor, T. Dyer, H. Shields (skip); A. Boyd, R. E. Land, G. T. Padgett, E. G. Gould (skip).

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, June 23.
Strength in Du Pont—
blust of the blue-chips—
sustained the stock market
average today despite late
profit-taking which pared
most prices after a six-
session rise.

Du Pont soared 10½ points
at its high, touching a new top
at \$219, and held all but two
points at the close.

This rise and a gain of more
than a point in General Motors
—in which Du Pont is a big
stockholder—lifted industrials
more than a point on average
to another all-time peak, the
seventh in a row.

POOR NEWS

Disappointing dividend news
nearly hurt several issues. Bald-
win-Lima-Hamilton slumped
nearly 3 points on a reduced
payment and American-Hai-
wan steamship plummeted 4 on
dividend omission.

Rayonier continued to respond
to its stock split proposal, rising
almost 3 points, and Kimberly-
Clark rose 1 point following the
proposal to merge with Inter-
national Cellu-Cotton.

Among the leading groups
price movement generally was
narrow.

In steels, Bethlehem and US
Steel each eased.

Chrysler was unchanged in
the motors.

There were a few strong spot
in oils. Standard of California,
Jersey Standard and Union Oil
of California added around a
point.

CLOSING PRICES

Alden Inc. Ass.	\$ 24½
Allied Mills Inc.	34½
Allis Chalmers	14½
American Airline	31½
American Can Co.	31½
American Mach & Eng.	31½
American Metal	35½
American Smelting	32½
American Tel & Tel	18½
American Tel. & Tel.	18½
Americana Copper	44½
Americana Steel	44½
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	14½
Baltimore & Ohio	24½
Bethlehem Steel Corp.	14½
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Boeing Airplane	33½
Borden's Milk Co.	33½
Bourroughs Add'l Machine	33½
Canadian Pacific R.	33½
Cage (J. L.) Co.	40½
C. I. F. Financial Corp.	40½
C. T. C. Corp.	40½
Celanese Corp.	40½
Chase Manhattan Bank	40½
Chrysler Motor	40½
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	40½
Commercial Credit	40½
Commonwealth Elec.	40½
Concordia Cotton	40½
Continental Steel	40½
Corn Products	40½
Crown Cork	40½
Cuban National Sugar	16
Curtiss Wright	44
Diamond Alkali	44
Dow Chemical	44
Dupont de Nemours	44
Eastman Kodak	81
Family Finance Corp.	23½
General Foods	24½
General Motors	100½
Gen. Pub. Util.	36½
Gillette Safety Razors	16
Globe Cos.	41½
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	70½
Goodyear Tire	60½
Hercules Chemical	40½
Hearst-McKeehan Co.	40½
Imperial-Rand	40½
Indland Steel Co.	40½
Intl Harvester	37½
International Nickel	110½
International Paper	110½
Intl. Tel. & Tel.	34½
John Wanamaker Co.	18½
Kansas City Power & Light	40½
Kennecott Copper	64½
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	45½
Louisville Aircraft	23½
Loews Incorp.	23½
Long Star Cement Co.	23½
Louisville & Nashville R.	24½
Lyon & Healy Corp.	41½
Mesabi Iron Corp.	110½
Minnesota Mining	2½
Montgomery Ward	142
Montgomery Ward Co.	83
Montgomery Ward	53½
Motors Inc.	53½
National Distillers	43½
National Dairy Prod.	43½
National Distillers	43½
National Lead	110½
National Steel Corp.	44½
Olin Mathison	58½
Otis Elevators	160½
Owen-Dickson Gr.	40½
Pabco Gr. & Elec.	45½
Pacific Western Oil	40½
Pan American Airways	20½
Parkway Pictures	24½
Petrol. J.C. Co.	90½
Penn Salt Co.	52½
Philip Morris	41½
Philips Petroleum	87½
Pittsburgh Castle Co.	81½
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	10½
Puritan Industries	10½
Pure Oil	45½
Radio Corporation	52½
Rockwell Standard	14½
Republic Steel	45½
Reynolds Metal	31½
Shell Oil Co.	20½
Sheridan Paper	43½
Sinclair Oil	55½
Socney Vacuum	55½
South Pacific Rice Sugar	31½
Southern National Corp.	60½
Standard Brands	35½
Standard Oil of Cal.	51½
Standard Oil of Ind.	51½
Standard Oil of N.J.	51½
Standard-Vac Corp.	18½
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	10½
Swift & Co.	50½
Texas Co.	50½
Twenty Century Fox Film	20½
Union Carbide	100½
Union Pacific Railway	100½
United Aircraft	27½
U.S. Lines Co.	27½
U.S. Rubber	45½
U.S. Smelting	20½
U.S. Steel	70
Westinghouse Electric	70
West Va. Pulp & Paper	45½

RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENT

Oppenheimer
Founds New
Corporation

Salisbury, June 23.
Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Chairman of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Ltd., and of Rhodesian Anglo-American Limited, announced in a statement that these companies had registered in Rhodesia a new company to be called Anglo-American Rhodesian Development Corporation Limited.

The new company will act as a finance organisation to help promote economic development of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. It will have an authorised capital of £200,000, of which £50,000 will initially be issued to founder companies.

Sir Ernest said that because of the rapid rate of expansion of the Federation, Anglo-American and associated companies had considered how they could assist in financing this finance.

Rhodesian Anglo-American had already lent Rhodesia Railways £1,000,000.

The statement said companies in the group which had funds for investment, particularly the copper mines of Northern Rhodesia which were now enjoying a period of unusual prosperity, would make this money available to the development corporation.

The corporation would in turn lend the money at current rates of interest for carrying out projects of which it approved. No sub-economic business would be considered and shareholders in founder companies would not be called on for any fresh capital for the new finance corporation.

Traders remained preoccupied, making no adjustments before first notice day for the spot month tomorrow.

Crop news, textile markets developments, anticipated export buying against pending Foreign Operations Administration allocations to France, Italy, Pakistan and other countries, were least sight of for the time being.

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Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today

New York, June 23.
Prices softened today after a mixed start with the nearby July contract leading the downturn.

July closed net 20 points lower while other deliveries were off 3 to up 8 points. The market opened up 5 to off 1 point.

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LIVERPOOL
Closings, American middling in pence per lb. were as follows:

SAO PAULO
Future closings in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

LONDON
The market was quiet. No 1 spot Rs were quoted at 34½ pence per lb. Prices:

AMSTERDAM
The market was easier. Prices of futures closed today in guilders per kilogram, cfl. July as follows:

London, June 23.

Montreal

Amsterdam

Copenhagen

Lisbon

Oslo

Stockholm

West Marls

Zurich

Others were unchanged. United Press

Private Tanker Strike Settled

New York, June 23.
The strike which has affected 1,933 private American flag tankers along the United States East and Gulf coasts was now nearly settled, according to well-informed sources.

It was learned that 15 companies operating 167 vessels have now come to terms with the National Maritime Union.

This followed the news that the Standard Refining Company last night became the first oil company to sign an agreement which, the Union said, embodied the same "basic terms, including a form of guaranteed wage as those agreed by operators of passenger and dry cargo ships.

A Texas company spokesman said that his company had now come to terms with the Maritime Union. — China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Share Prices Are Rising Again

By A Special Correspondent

The Hongkong Stock Exchange shook off the hesitancy and indecision which marked trading last week and share prices resumed their advance towards peak levels of the year.

Average turnover this week (about \$2 million a day) was 80 per cent higher than last week. The increased activity, I learn, was due to a resumption of inward remittances from Southeast Asia which came in "in fairly decent quantities" according to one informant.

A close look at the market shows however that while there is now a firm undertone, the bulk of the rises have been only fractional and the shares which show the most marked improvement on the week have been affected by special circumstances.

Thus, Wheclocks, Hotels, Land, Cements and Lane Crawfords owe their good rises less to general bullish influences than to favourable developments concerning these companies specifically.

Perhaps the most important announcement of the week was made by the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Ltd yesterday when the directors stated that the company would buy Jardine's four-storey building on the corner of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road for \$6 million. To finance the purchase Jardine Matheson are to take up 100,000 new Hongkong Land shares at a premium of \$50 a share.

Hotels have firmed up this week and the market has obviously been assured that the \$3.3 million instalment due to the Hotel from the Central Development Company (formerly known as Local Enterprise) at the end of this month will be paid in full and on time. There is also news that the new Hotel plans call for a 16-storey building as against

12 in the original blueprint. It is hoped to begin building before the end of this year.

This week the share rose from \$16.70 buyers to \$17.10.

Lane Crawfords rose on the strength of the company's dividend announcement. The dividend has been increased from \$3 less tax to \$3 free of tax. They are now at \$31 which is about \$4 above their best price of the year.

Cements continue to do well on good company news. They recovered from last week's hesitancy and closed firm at their best level of the week—\$31.

Elsewhere on the market:

Banks are up \$25 to \$1700 while Unions have advanced almost \$20 on the week to \$965. Hongkong Docks are 70 cents better on a sale earlier in the week at \$26.20. Both Humphreys and Realities appear to be little better and the reports are that real estate rates are rising again.

In the Utility section all issues are fractionally better. Dairy Farms are steady.

The rubber market has been slightly more active during the week largely due to yesterday's business when over 100,000 amalgamated changed hands between \$2.025 and \$2.05. Raw rubber rates in Singapore are up from 104½ Straits cents a lb to 109½ cents a lb this week.

Wheclocks showed a marked improvement this week and rose from \$7.70 to \$8.25. About 30,000 shares changed hands yesterday. There have been several rumours influencing these shares during the week which shall deal with in due course, but perhaps the most significant disclosure is that there has been a return of confidence in these investors.

This is important for providing the share is given a free rein to move according to supply and demand. Wheclocks could become extremely spectacular this year. For many months now the share has been kept below a very modest ceiling level. The share has now been allowed to rise but it is difficult to forecast how high it will go.

UP TO \$9 NOW!

A few weeks ago, a broker predicted in this column that Wheclocks would soon rise to \$8.25. It has. The same broker told me yesterday he expected it to find a level of \$9 soon.

Perhaps...

I mentioned them had been some market rumours about Wheclocks this week; one that loan repayments from Japan are up to date and the other that the company has received a large sum in insurance for one of its ships which was lost in the Indian Ocean earlier this year.

As far as the loan repayments are concerned it would probably be true to say that the company is satisfied with the position.

With the general world improvement in shipping and freight rates Wheclocks is probably getting prompt remittances from Japan—in fact, that is almost certain.

Issues such as Associated Electrics, Borax deferred and Keens fell 20 or more, Courtaulds dropped more than a shilling—all in the space of half hour or so.

The undertone remained strong, nevertheless, and prices recovered substantially in most cases before the close. Most were of only fractionally on the day.

"British Government bonds met heavy selling, giving up 25/16 to 27/16 and closing around the low.

Gold shares and a few others managed to move against the general trend and the gains were of little consequence.

Foreign dollar bonds showed a slight upturn in the last week or two. Their dividend

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Moment Of Truth

THERE are times when a man can withdraw from himself, see himself in the round, and make the kind of cold, unprejudiced assessment of himself that a stranger might.

Such times are rare, and when they occur can be frightening, as Malcolm found.

The moment of truth hit him four-square, when he was still a boy. In Scotland, where he lived, he was caught stealing. He was punished by being sent to an approved school.

Within a month or two of finishing his two years there, another Scottish court found him guilty of stealing again.

They must have been wise men who sat on the bench in that court.

REFORM

THEY could have exacted a sharp and unpleasant penalty, but evidently they guessed that it was not only they who were sitting in judgment on the boy—he had come to his senses to the extent of sitting in judgment upon himself.

They let him go with what went down in the records as an "admission."

When he left the court, Malcolm went, instead of to one of the addresses his friends in the approved school had suggested might be useful, to an office where men were being recruited for the Merchant Navy. The war was on.

WARRIOR

FOR a year Malcolm served in the Merchant Navy. But he had no special seafaring skill and only did a landsman's job in a ship, and there came a time when the manpower problem grew so acute that Malcolm was needed more elsewhere.

He was put into the Army and fought in Sicily and Italy. There was not much time for thinking, but when there was a moment, Malcolm looked back and compared his past with his present, and was relieved to find he could look himself in the eyes again.

When the war ended he joined the Palestine Police and stayed in that thankless job until the force was disbanded. In 1948, he came back to Britain, where he found they were running short of jobs for heroes.

SLIPPING

FOR two years Malcolm got by as best he could on such casual work as he could come by. One of those held some promise and lasted for two years, before his employers had to dispense with his services.

Then it was casual jobs again, and these seemed to get fewer. Malcolm felt himself sinking back into the sort of existence that had first led him to crime.

He became afraid of hunger and loneliness and the loss of his self-respect. And such fears died upon themselves.

Important Belgrade Talks Today

Belgrade, June 23. Yugoslavia and the three major Western powers will start an "exchange of opinion" at 10 a.m. tomorrow which probably will determine the degree of co-operation among them for a long time in the future.

The ambassador-level conference called to "discuss international questions of mutual interest" will last at least two and possibly three days, according to arrangements made today in a "preliminary discussion" among the participants. It will be held in the offices of the Foreign Secretariat's protocol department.

Today's meeting agreed on the agenda in general terms: first, "general international questions" and second, "questions of mutual interest" affecting relations between Yugoslavia and each of the three Western powers (United States, Britain and France).

Malcolm nodded an abrupt agreement and gratitude, and went off with his shoulders braced like a soldier who knows exactly what he must do in the battle ahead, because others have shown that they see him as he would like to see himself.

Bomb Injures Serviceman

Nicosia, June 23.

A British serviceman, Jack Chrystal, was seriously injured when a dynamite bomb was hurled onto the verandah of a house in Famagusta tonight.

The police described Chrystal as a wireless operator at a camp four miles out of the town.

He was sitting on the verandah of the first storey of a house opposite the Greek community when the bomb was hurled from the street and exploded near him. He was taken to hospital suffering from injuries to his back, side and legs.

Another bomb, thought to be a hand grenade, burst later outside a house in the eastern section of Famagusta occupied by a British officer whose identity has not yet been revealed. It caused minor damage and no casualties.

At Limassol a grenade was thrown at a passing jeep carrying British soldiers on patrol duty and latest reports say one soldier was slightly injured—United Press.

SIT DOWN STRIKE

Paris, June 23.

Eight hundred workers staged a sitdown strike at a suburban construction plant tonight and the police reported that the strikers were holding three of the company's directors.

The police said the strike started late today at a mechanical construction factory in the North Paris suburb of La Courneuve. The unusual walkout came in the midst of snowballing French labour strike and marked back-to-back sitdown strikes battles during the pre-World War II period, when Socialist Premier Leon Blum was in power.

The police did not give the names of the three directors held captive by the strikers in the plant—United Press.

Many Killed In Sandstorm

Cairo, June 24.

Eleven persons and several camels have so far been reported killed in a violent sandstorm which swept the Toker area some 100 miles south of Port Sudan. It was disclosed here yesterday.

Several bands of desert nomads were believed to have been buried alive by the storm, which was said to be the worst in the area's history.

Searchers are still digging for the bodies of other possible victims—France-Press.



Here are the three warrant officers who this morning received decorations from Lt-General Sugden at Whitchurch Barracks, parade. Left to right: WO1 Cpl V. Leary, WO2 R. L. Newton and WO2 V. Northcott.—Staff Photographer.

GENERAL SUGDEN DECORATES WOs

Three Warrant Officers of the 72 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, were presented with long service and good conduct medals by Le-General C. S. Sugden, KCB, CBE, Commander British Forces and GOC, Land Forces, at a parade held at Whitchurch Barracks, this morning.

The recipients were: WO 1 C. V. Leary (RSM), Acting WO 2 R. L. Newton (BSM) and WO 2 V. Northcott (BSM).

These presentations were made at a parade of the Regiment under its acting second in command, Major S. J. B. Boycott.

General Sugden, addressing the parade said that he was very sorry to lose such a good regiment from his command.

He also said that the regiment had a high reputation for good conduct and that it was important in a British Colony to uphold the British nation. He was sure that after three years in the Far East the regiment would be glad to return, but that in Hongkong, that was no defence in law.

What has happened to your Hawk-eyed cameraman, that he has not noticed that Connaught Road is still "Shi-How Dori"?

Surely the Authorities can afford a new name plate to be paid for out of the assets of the Japanese war compensation?

HORIO 145. Imoshima.

Crisis Threat To Japanese Government

Tokyo, June 24.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hata and senior officials of the governing Democratic Party were conferring today to discuss a crisis that threatens the life of the government.

Opposition parties last night submitted a joint non-confidence motion against the Agriculture Minister, Mr Ichiro Kono, at a meeting of the Diet (parliament). Lower House budget committee.

The Democratic chairman of the committee recessed the committee as soon as an opposition member finished reading the motion.

The Cabinet would not be legally bound to resign or dissolve the Lower House if the motion was passed by the committee.

Combined, the opposition parties have a majority in the committee and in the Lower House—Reuter.

Tenders Invited

Tenders were invited in the Government Gazette today for the construction of the Secretariat Wing of the new Government offices at Lower Albert Road.

Tenders will be received at the office of the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Garden Road, until noon on September 16.

Scholarships Fund

For the Governor has appointed the following to be Members of the Committee of Management of the Grantham Scholarships Fund. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

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Judge Sums Up In The O'Neill Case

If the accused claimed he was mentally unbalanced at the time he committed the alleged blackmail offences, that was no defence, Judge A. D. Scholes told the Jury trying Charles Joseph O'Neill, 32-year-old London schoolteacher, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

His Lordship, who was summing up the case, said that if the Jury found O'Neill was in fact mentally unbalanced at the time, then they should return a verdict of Guilty but Insane.

O'Neill faced three counts of

His Lordship went on to remind the Jury that the burden was on the Prosecution to prove all the ingredients of the offence. It was not for the accused to prove his innocence. If the Jury were in any reasonable doubt, they should give the benefit of the doubt to accused.

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